

# **Educational Activities**

## Walnut Canyon, Sunset Crater Volcano, and Wupatki National Monuments



#### **WALNUT CANYON NATIONAL MONUMENT**

## Ranger-led Programs:

- Orientation Resource Talk: 10-15 minutes in (or outside) the visitor center, wheelchair accessible. Orientation/brief history of Walnut Canyon and the Sinagua. Introduces students to the National Park Service mission, the reason for specific site etiquette and directions to the trails/facilities.
- *Natural and Cultural History Talk:* 20- 30 minutes in (or outside) the visitor center, wheelchair accessible. Covers the history of Walnut Canyon and the Sinagua, along with information about archeology, geology, flora and fauna. Includes site etiquette and directions to the trails/facilities.

## Self-guided activities:

- Visitor Center: View displays on Sinagua life in Walnut Canyon.
- *Island Trail:* One- mile loop, 45- 60 minutes. Steep with 240 stairs, not wheelchair accessible. Interpretive signs. Trail descends into the canyon through several life zones and past 25 cliff dwelling rooms.
- *Rim Trail:* <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile roundtrip, 20- 30 minutes. Easy, partially wheelchair accessible. Interpretive signs. Trail leads to overlooks along the canyon rim, then through the forest past a pithouse and pueblo that date before the cliff dwellings.



#### **SUNSET CRATER VOLCANO NATIONAL MONUMENT**

# Ranger-led Programs:

- Orientation Resource Talk: 10-15 minutes in (or outside) the visitor center, wheelchair
  accessible. Orientation to Sunset Crater Volcano and the National Park Service mission;
  introduces students to the geologic resources of the park, seismology and global geologic
  processes.
- Earthquake Talk: 20-30 minutes in (or outside) the visitor center, wheelchair accessible.
- *Lava Flow Walk:* 30- 60 minutes from Lava Flow trailhead, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>- mile loop is wheelchair accessible. Covers volcano types, eruptions, lava features, regional/global geologic processes, with ties to ecology and archeology.

# Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument Continued Self-guided activities:

- *Visitor Center:* Explore hands- on educational displays and activities, a seismograph, and view a short orientation movie.
- Lava Flow Trail: '/4 and one- mile loops, 30- 60 minutes. Easy, with the shorter loop wheelchair accessible. Trail guide available. Trail winds through the lava flow at the base of Sunset Crater Volcano.
- *Lenox Crater:* One- mile round trip, 30- 40 minutes. Steep: climbs 300 feet, not wheelchair accessible. Trail provides a view into the crater of an extinct cinder cone volcano, along with views of many volcanoes in the area.



#### **WUPATKI NATIONAL MONUMENT**

## Ranger-led Programs:

• Orientation Resource Talk: 10-15 minutes at the Wupatki pueblo overlook, wheelchair accessible. Orientation to the history of Wupatki, its people, and the place they called home.



• Resource Box: 30- 45 minutes in the visitor center, wheelchair accessible. Identify materials used in today's western society and match them with resources available to Wupatki residents 800 years ago. Check with the ranger staff to see if this program is available.

# Self-guided activities:

- *Visitor Center:* View displays on pueblo occupation and the people who lived at Wupatki. A "touch" box has interesting objects from the area.
- *Wupatki Pueblo Trail:* <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>- mile loop, 35- 45 minutes. Moderate. Partially wheelchair accessible. Trail guide available. View pueblo rooms, a community room, ball court and blow hole.
- Wukoki, Lomaki, Box Canyon, Citadel, and Nalakihu: All trails less than \(^1\)\_- mile round trip. Easy to moderate, only Nalakihu is wheelchair accessible. Interpretive signs. Trails lead to pueblos with unique architectural styles.